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June 6, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents ATTN: Special Program Law Office Washington, DC 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO GRANT FILING DATE

Sir:

In the Petition to Grant Filing Date mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 5, 2000, Applicants submitted an unsigned Affidavit of Personal Delivery with Ian Alexander Allen named as the courier who delivered the Express Mail package bearing Express Mail Number EL039496501US to the U.S. postal employee at the South Cargo Post Office, RDU International Airport, Raleigh, North Carolina on January 31, 2000. This Express Mail package contained copies of the Cover Sheet and the above-referenced application, which were to be filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Mr. Allen is the routine courier for Legal Wheels, the courier service contracted by Alston & Bird LLP at the time of this mailing to pick-up and deliver Express Mail packages to the Express Mail window at the local U.S. Post Office. Mr. Allen could not be reached by his supervisor, Mr. Sam Downs, to obtain his signature on the Affidavit in time for filing with the June 5, 2000 Petition to Grant Filing Date.

Applicants' representative has since learned today that Mr. Allen was not the courier delivering the Alston & Bird Express Mail packages to the U.S. Post Office on the evening of January 31, 2000. Rather, Sean Calfee, another courier employed by Legal Wheels, filled in for Mr. Allen, who was unable to make deliveries that evening. Mr. Downs became aware of this switch on the morning of June 6, 2000, and notified Applicants' representative that it was Mr. Calfee's signature needed on the Affidavit, not Mr. Allen's.

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signed Affidavit of Personal Delivery bearing the correct courier's name and signature has since been obtained from Mr. Calfee and is filed concurrently herewith. Applicants' representative hereby submits that this error occurred without deceptive intent and respectfully requests consideration of this signed Affidavit as supplemental evidence in support of the Petition to Grant Filing Date mailed June 5, 2000.

It is not believed that additional fees are incurred as a result of this request. However, any additional fees may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner For Patents, Attn: Special Program Law Office, Washington, DC 20231, on June 6, 2000.

Denise O. Funderburke